

Counsel Part 3: Stay Poised

Eccles. 9:13 – 10:20

Intro

9:13 – 15 Wisdom can be unrewarded

v 16 a but wisdom is still best

v 16 b Wisdom can be punished

v 16 c but wisdom is still best

v 17 b – 10:1 Wisdom can be undone.

10:2-3 but wisdom is still better

v 4 So be poised when evil arises

- Our obedience is prompted by truth not circumstances

v 5 – 7 Sometimes government can seem upside down

v 8 – 9 As well as hard work and industriousness

v 10 But wisdom can still give an edge in life

v 11 But wisdom must be pre-emptive

v 12 – 13 Wisdom applied too slow may be too late

v 14 Even though judgement may not come quickly

v 15 But sin will still render one inept

v 16 – 17 And this is as true for a nation as it is for a person

v 18 Sin makes for a weak and rotted “house.”

v 19 Here is the example of indolence and laziness.

v 20 But you...stay poised. Don't have private sin.

If you do, you may die.

Conclusion